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BILATERAL TRADE WITH GERMANY
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Will the Minister of COMMERCE AND INDUSTRY be pleased to state:

(a) whether India`s bilateral trade with Germany has crossed Rs.20,000 crore up to December, 2000;

(b) if so, whether India`s exports to Germany during 2001 is expected to reach Rs.11,600 crore and imports Rs.9,700 crore;

(c) if so, the extent to which it would be more compared to the previous year; and

(d) the steps being taken to further improve the Indo-German trade?

Answer

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF COMMERCE AND INDUSTRY (SHRI DIGVIJAY SINGH)

(a) : No, Sir. The Indo-German bilateral trade during April - December, 2000 amounted to Rs.12,141 crores.

(b) : The Indo-German bilateral trade during 1999-2000 and 2000-2001 is as follows

(in Rs. Crores)

Year	India`s export to Germany	India`s imports from Germany	Total trade
1999-00	7510.31	7979.95	15490.26
2000-01	8658.21	7928.41	16586.62

Data Source : DGCI&S, Kolkata Further, India`s exports to Germany and imports from Germany during the first two months of the current financial year (April - May 2001), was of the order of Rs.1,264 crores and Rs.1,416 crores respectively.

(c) : India`s trade with Germany increased by 7.08% during 2000-2001 as compared to 1999-2000. During the same period, India`s exports to Germany were 15.28% higher and imports wre 0.65% lower. India`s exports to Germany was lower by 15.84% during the period April-May 2001 as compared to April-May 2000. During the same period, India`s imports from Germany increased by 7.60%.

(d) : The steps being taken by Government to improve the Indo-German bilateral trade include constant interaction with the European Union in order to address the different India-EU trade issues, facilities for participation in trade fairs, input for upgradation of quality, market study and facilitating trade / industry level interaction.